APPLYING TO THE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM
(MASTER OF NURSING)

The School of Nursing offers a Master of Nursing (MN) in Nursing Education with a clinical focus in one of 3 areas: mental health nursing, community health nursing and adult-gerontological nursing. This program is designed for the bachelor's-prepared nurse who is interested in pursuing a career in teaching nursing, either as a faculty member in a school of nursing or in staff development positions.

ADULT GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING

The OHSU School of Nursing offers a specialty track in Adult Gerontological Nursing for students enrolled in the Nursing Education program. In the next half century, the elderly population in the United States is projected to more than double in size—from 31 million to 80 million. Today, Oregon ranks 17th among the 50 states in the percentage of its population over age 65, but in less than 25 years the U.S. Bureau of the Census projects that Oregon will rank 4th. Older adults have very complex healthcare needs and this track will allow students to gain the advanced knowledge needed to address the needs of this population. Coursework will include studies of symptom management for older adults, physical diagnosis, as well as practicum hours in teaching.

COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING

Increased numbers of nurse educators who are able to provide leadership and high-quality education with a population focus are urgently needed. Health disparities threaten efforts to improve health in the US and abroad. The presence of these disparities poses moral and ethical dilemmas that will be among the most important challenges to today's rapidly changing healthcare systems. Persistent racial and ethnic inequality creates a rift in the social fabric. As long as disparities are present, the quality of healthcare will be affected and patient services will suffer. Students who chose to specialize in community health nursing will learn to incorporate these issues into their role as a future nurse educator. Coursework will include epidemiology, environmental health, health disparities, and the biological determinants of disease, as well as practicum hours in teaching.

PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSING

The prevalence of psychiatric illnesses in the US is increasing, along with the need for well-prepared nurses to practice in this specialty. For this reason, the demand for educators is currently booming with professional opportunities in schools of nursing, hospitals and care centers. Teaching in undergraduate psychiatric-mental health nursing requires in-depth knowledge of psychiatric disorders and psychopharmacology. Students enrolling in this specialty will complete coursework in the diagnosis of and therapeutic approaches to psychiatric illnesses
psychopharmacologic treatment of psychiatric illness. Nursing Education courses and a teaching practicum will prepare graduates to work in a variety of educational settings.

Course Delivery
This program begins in the fall and is offered online either in a full and part time format to Oregon residents and beyond.

Application Deadlines & Decisions
Applications open each September for a fall term entry with established application deadlines that can be found at: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/deadlines.cfm. All materials must be submitted by the identified deadline in order to receive priority* consideration.

- (*)Late applications may be accepted after the priority deadline if seats are still available but this is not guaranteed. Applicants wanting to receive full consideration should submit all materials by the identified deadline(s).
- Note: Applications close at midnight on the designated deadline date Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Admissions decisions are strongly based on the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA
- Essay response

Admission Requirements & Eligibility
Applicants must have the following materials in order to apply. If you are an international student please see the international applicant web page for additional requirements if you are a resident of a country other than the United States.

Prior Degree:
Applicants need a B.S. with a major in nursing or B.S.N. degree from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education.

R.N. Status
- Must have or be eligible for an Oregon registered nurse license upon application or in the state where clinical coursework takes place prior to matriculation.
- Will need to have completed two-years of clinical practice as an R.N. prior to graduation in order to teach in Oregon.

Grade Point Average: Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
Statistics: Must successfully pass a basic statistics course with a grade of "B-" or better within five years prior to entry into the master's program. Post Master Certificate Option applicants are not required to complete statistics.

Letters of Recommendation
Applicants must submit three letters of reference as part of their application. Electronic reference forms are located and sent out via the online Nursing CAS application system. It is preferable that applicants submit references from the following:
• A supervisor
• An instructor
• A co-worker or other

Entrance Essay Question
• You will be asked to provide a written essay(s) as part of your application. Please see the link to the essay instructions for this program located on this page:

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE): The GRE is not required to apply to the MNE program.

Applying to OHSU School of Nursing Via Nursing CAS (NCAS)

| STEP 1: Set up a Nursing CAS account and start your application for the program/campus to which you are applying. | • All students applying to any of the OHSU Nursing programs must submit an application through Nursing CAS by the stipulated deadline date. |
| • The NCAS application fee is $65.00. |
| • NCAS runs on Eastern Standard Time and applications will close on the designated date at 12:00 PM EST. |

| STEP 2: Upload all required items into your Nursing CAS account and select the designated OHSU program to which you would like to apply. Note: GRE scores are sent directly to OHSU code: 4900 | • All application materials (official transcripts, essay responses, vitae, & letters of reference) must be received by Nursing CAS by the designated application deadline in order to have your application considered. See the full list and instructions below. |
| • Nursing CAS will not forward incomplete files for review. Please make sure to check your Nursing CAS account to ensure that you have provided all required materials. |

| STEP 3: Done. Check back to your NCAS account often as we will e-mail you with status updates and additional information requests. | • You will be notified when admission decisions have been made. |

Materials that will be submitted as part of your Nursing CAS Application

- You will be asked to submit an essay response as part of your application. Between September 15 and your application deadline, you will be able to find the essay question(s) for your program at the following link: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/index.cfm. Complete the essay question and upload your essay response to your Nursing CAS application. After uploading your personal statement, go to “Designations” on the home page of your Nursing CAS account, select “designated schools” then Oregon Health & Science University and ATTACH the personal statement to your designated program.

- You will be asked to submit 3 letters of reference as part of your application. You will be able to send the electronic reference form your Nursing CAS account.

- You will be asked to submit a resume or vitae as part of your application. Please PDF this item(s) and upload them to your Nursing CAS account.

- You will be asked to submit official transcripts from ALL institutions that you have ever attended as part of your application to NCAS. Follow the instructions provided in your Nursing CAS application to submit your official transcripts to Nursing CAS directly.
  1. Note: Order 2-3 copies of your transcripts to keep for your records for later use if needed upon matriculation.

- Please send questions about your NCAS application to NCAS directly and questions about our program materials and application requirements to OHSU at proginfo@ohsu.edu.

Additional Resources

A sample program of study for each program can be found online:
http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/programs/programs-of-study-page.cfm

Application Deadlines: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/gradute_deadlines.cfm

Financing your education: Start planning to finance your nursing education now. Review the tuition and fees and potential limitations for receiving federal aid here:
http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/ tuition-fees/index.cfm

Scholarship information: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/tuition-fees/scholarships.cfm

This document is a guide; final decisions regarding the acceptance of prerequisite course work is made by the OHSU Registrar's Office. The OHSU School of Nursing reserves the right to make changes to the academic program structure.

FAQs

Do most students work during the MNE program?

Yes. Many students are able to work while enrolled in the Master of Nursing Education program.

When are the courses offered?

Courses are generally offered online with some face to face intensives and adobe synchronous conferences.

Are courses required prior to admission?

Yes. Master's students must have successfully passed a statistics course within five years prior to entry into the program. If this requirement has not been met at the time of application, the student will be required to take a statistics course (graduate or undergraduate) prior to the first quarter of the program. Check your local community college or university for course offerings, or review the course equivalency guide page.

Can I take courses without being admitted into the graduate nursing program?

This may be an option but requires previous approval from the Program Director. Contact the Office of Admissions for more information.

Is there a matriculation (enrollment) deposit?

Yes, once you have received a letter of acceptance to the program, you must submit a deposit of $200.00 to the OHSU School of Nursing in order to hold your place in the cohort. Failure to do so in the time allotted will forfeit your place and an alternate will be selected. The matriculation fee is applied towards payment of tuition for the first term of the program.

How much are Tuition and Fees?

The estimated tuition and fees sheet can be found online and will vary by specialty and does not include living expenses or books, http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/tuition-fees/index.cfm

Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination Policy

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 protects individuals from discrimination on the basis of sex in any educational program or activity operated by recipients of federal aid. OHSU complies with Title IX and 34 CFR Part 106 by prohibiting sex and gender discrimination in education programs, activities, employment, and admissions. Inquiries about Title IX compliance or sex/gender discrimination may be directed to the OHSU Title IX Coordinator: Michael Tom, Director of the Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity (AAEO) Dept., 503-494-5148, tomm@ohsu.edu. Mailing address: OHSU, Mail code MP240, 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, OR 97239. Office: Marquam Plaza